

This Week at HOPE June 15, 2022



Honoring the Commemoration of the Emanuel Nine — June 17th

By Rev. Annie Ladnier

During the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee, WI voting members adopted a resolution designating June 17 as a commemoration of the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9. This was done to honor the nine people shot and killed on June 17, 2015, during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C. The ELCA had direct relationship to the shooter, Dylan Roof, and 2 of the slain on that day- Rev. Daniel Lee Simmons and Rev. Clementa C. Pinckney. Both pastors were graduates of my alma mater, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC. Mr. Roof had grown up in an ELCA congregation located in Columbia, SC.

Lucas and I were still living in Columbia at the time of this heinous hate crime. We assisted our campus pastor in draping the cross and sign of the seminary in black cloth. It was an incredibly tragic day that hit entirely too close to home. When we made our way up here, it was clear that the incident hadn't reverberated quite the same. It was somewhat jarring to come from the center of such unrest and activism to a place seemingly so sheltered from it. Of course, that would change when, a year later, Philando Castile was fatally shot during a traffic stop in the Twin Cities. Such unrest, confusion, activism, and debate has continued since.

But in August of 2019, the ELCA took a clear stand on naming the sin of white supremacy and racism in this country when we passed this resolution. It is a sin that far surpasses what some have construed to only be an issue of "black and white." This sin impacts indigenous, Asian American Pacific Islanders, the Latine community, and many more, and is made evident by the reality that [we are the whitest mainline denomination in the United States](#). *We have work to do to become a fuller representation of the diverse image of God, and our commemoration of the Emanuel 9 is just one piece of that work.*

For more information on this commemoration and additional resources please go [HERE](#)

Please join me in this "Prayer for Racial Justice"

Save us, O God, from ourselves, from racism often cloaked in pious words, from the machinations of white supremacy hidden in calls for civility, from micro aggressions thinly veiled in arrogance, from apologies when they don't give way to action, from forgiveness without facing the truth, from reconciliation without reparation.

Deliver us, O God, from expecting siblings of color to continue to bear this emotional work, which is not theirs to do.

Grateful for the long arc that bends toward justice, we pray: Grant us wisdom, give us courage for the facing of these days, by the power of the Spirit, all for the sake of the kin-dom that we share in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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A Blessing for Father's Day

Written by Rev. Meta Herrick-Carlson

In Ordinary Blessings: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Everyday Life

We give thanks for the parents
who embody great love,
who transcend gender stereotypes,
who are still becoming thanks to parenthood.

There is also time today
to recognize those who long to be parents,
those who grew while feeling the absence of a parent,
those who did not feel safe with or loved by their parent,
those who have buried a parent or child.

And for all the parental figures in community,
your gentle strength and presence matters,
your devotion reminds us how to love
other people's children as our own.

If the message and tasks for today are
simple enough, find gratitude in the miracle.
It is a great gift to know a parent,
to celebrate with a card and a hug,
an easy story
about affection and care
that has been given your way.

If you are lucky, they will confess
for the millionth time how
you changed their own lives, too.

For the galaxy of loving mothers, fathers, and
adults
made vulnerable by this work of
protection and love, we give thanks.

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Getting to know our new member Ellen Roose.

Below is a little information about our new member Ellen Roose, if you haven't already please make sure to say hi when you see her.

I was born and raised in Forest City, Iowa. Following graduation I attended Concordia College Moorhead. I then attended medical school @ University of Iowa. After OB/GYN residency in Saint Louis and Chicago I married and hung up a shingle in Des Moines, Iowa. Our daughter Emily arrived a few years later. In 2014 I took down the shingle and retired.

I moved to River Falls to be close to family in 2020. I added two black cats to my home in 2021.

I enjoy camping, canoeing, hiking, golf, skiing, travel, music and reading.



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Among Friends has re-opened and is accepting new referrals. Among Friends is a community-based social respite program serving adults with memory loss who reside in Pierce and St. Croix Counties. In May, we enjoyed music and chair yoga, as always, as well as a Kentucky Derby party, a visit from service dogs in training, and making fresh flower bouquets. We continue to tend our spring herb garden.

For more information about Among Friends, contact us at (715) 293-2651. Also, check out our website: amongfriendsrf.com and our Facebook page. Among Friends is located at First Congregational UCC, 110 N Third St. in River Falls.

Guests are invited to join us for coffee from 9:30 – 10:00 on Tuesday, June 28.



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WHAT DOES THE CHURCH SAY ABOUT...?

A SUMMER SERIES ON THE ELCA SOCIAL STATEMENTS

Sundays @ 10:30

June 12: Abortion
July 17: Community Violence
July 31: Civic Engagement
August 14: Next Steps

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Additional Resources for discussion on Sunday, July 10:

[ELCA Social Statement on Abortion](#)

[Summary of ELCA Abortion Social Statement](#)

[June 2010 Introductory Article from *Lutheran Woman Today*](#)

[“The Torah of Reproductive Freedom: The Jewish Case for Abortion Justice”](#)

[by Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg](#)

[Analysis of legal implications of Roe v. Wade #1](#)

[Analysis of legal implications of Roe v. Wade #2](#)

Summer Stretch

FOR BODY, MIND & SPIRIT

WEDNESDAYS, 6:30PM
JUNE 15-AUG 10

Outdoor yoga, meditation, & reflection

bring a yoga mat, water bottle, & yourself!

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**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT @ HOPE
Tuesday, August 2nd**

EVERYONE is invited to help make our 3rd annual NNO event a success! Our Ministry Team has coordinated a number of ways to help and we hope everyone can play a part in welcoming our neighbors for this family-friendly night centered on building community relationships!

Contact any of our ministry team chairs to get involved.

[SIGN-UP HERE FOR MISCELLANEOUS JOBS](#)

IN-PERSON WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Did you know that you can volunteer to help with parts of worship **AT ANY TIME!!!**

Use **[THIS GOOGLE DOC LINK](#)** to sign-up to assist with our in-person worship!

Greeters, readers, communion set-up & servers, acolytes, ushers, Assisting Ministers & coffee fellowship hosts are all needed!

We pray you seriously consider serving your faith family in this way!

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St. Bridget's Grand Garage Sale

June 23 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.

June 24 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.

June 25 8 a.m.- 12 p.m.

**(Saturday Special: clothing \$3/bag and all
other items ½ OFF)**

**135 E Division Street
(Corner of Main and Division)
St. Bridget's Gym**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Community Brainstorming Event

Tuesday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m.

River Falls Public Library

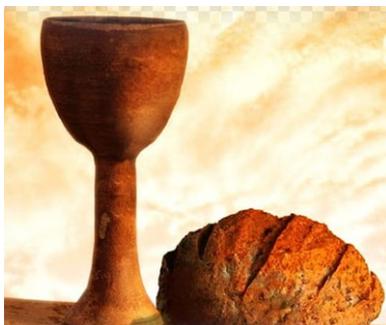
Lower Level

The existing River Falls Public Library was built 26 years ago. It has served us well but it is time for some updates. We have hired an architectural firm, Bentz Thompson Rietow (BTR) to help us reimagine library spaces to meet the needs of the community for the next 20 years.

Join the conversation and help us create a vision for the future!
Coffee, tea and cookies will be served.



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COMMUNION BREAD RECIPE

Sift dry ingredients (important!) **together three times**

2 c whole wheat flour

1 c white flour

1 & 1/4 tsp baking powder

1 & 1/4 tsp salt

Stir in 4 tsp oil. Set aside

Mix wet ingredients together until dissolved:

3/4 cup + 2 Tbsp very hot water (minimum of 180 degrees F)

3 Tbsp honey

3 Tbsp molasses

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix well. Dough should be slightly sticky.

Do not knead. Divide into four balls and flatten each into a 1/4 inch thick disk. With a knife, score the top of each loaf into four pie-shaped sections, so that the sections can be more easily broken off while serving. Lay the loaves on a baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and brush the tops of the loaves with oil. Bake an additional 5-8 minutes. Let cool.

Yield: four 8 oz. loaves. Wrap well, date, and store in refrigerator if bringing in that same month, otherwise place in freezer.

COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS

- ◆ We have been using 2 loaves of bread per Sunday. You can store unused loaves in the refrigerator.
- ◆ Please don't hesitate to ask for help. We are willing to walk through the process with you.

CALLING ALL BREAD BAKERS!

Since we have resumed using bread for Holy Communion, we are in need of people we can schedule to bake bread throughout the year!

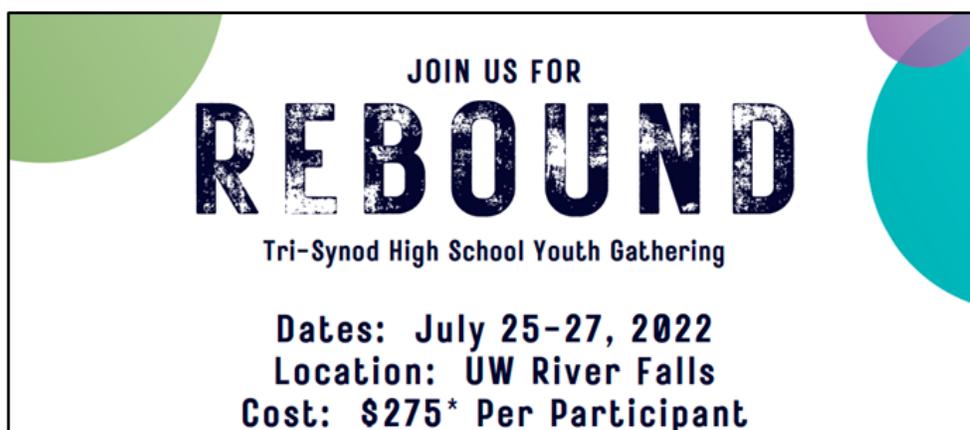
You can sign up [HERE](#) if you'd like to bake for a future month!



SUMMER YOUTH & FAMILY FUN!

Mark these dates on your calendar:

- ✝ June 15: Kayaking on the Kinni (all ages), 6PM
- ✝ July 13: Kayaking on the Kinni (all ages), 6PM
- ✝ July 25-27: REBOUND (high school event)
- ✝ July 30: HOPE Family Swim Party @ Glen Park Pool (for everyone) 6:15-7:30PM
- ✝ August 10: Outdoor Movie Night (for everyone) 7:30-10PM
- ✝ August 24: Kayaking on the Kinni (all ages), 6PM



All **CURRENT 8-12TH GRADE YOUTH & FRIENDS** are invited to this fantastic event in lieu of the ELCA Youth Gathering (which was canceled due to Covid complications).

A \$100 deposit and medical release form are due to Pastor Annie ASAP!

Youth who DID NOT initially sign-up for the Gathering now have the opportunity to attend this event! Youth families should check email for further details!

Individual HOPE member cost will not exceed \$175 (hopefully less)

All youth previously signed up for the ELCA Youth Gathering have already made their deposit, but must verify that you plan to still attend!

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

David Stageberg (Carolyn Jackson's brother-in-law)
Bill Warner and family
Carin Perkins (Faye Perkins sister)
David Boock (Relative of the Boocks)
Jerome Rodewald (Jeff Rodewald's father)
Thomas & Dawn Wirth (Tessa Van Overbeke's parents)
Sherry Lubich (Jeff Rodewald's aunt)
Nicholas Simpson (Boock family friend)
Chuck Eaton
Linda Hidding (Nancy Sailer's cousin)
Ruth Sylte (Nancy Sailer's cousin)
Kathy Granquist (Karen Brohaugh's niece)
Barbara McIntosh (Joe McIntosh's mother)
Linda & Jesse Annoye Family (Relatives of Debra James)
Greg Rosenthal (Relative of Karen Brohaugh)
Gordon Hendrickson (Mary Thompson's brother)
Boyd Huppert (Rodewald family member)
Teajai Schmidt (Boock family friend)
Tom Roycraft (Grant Klacan's Father-in-Law)
Rev. Sarah Mayer-Flatt (Friend of Pastor Annie)
Dave Hallquist (Friend of Bill Montgomery)
Lee Hill (friend of Naomi & Jerry Brandt)
Judy Karshbaum
Gary Siebold
David Hendrickson
Jim and Ila June Pratt
Jerry Brandt
Jon Boyce
Jay and Jeri Jorgenson (friends of the Bohnerts)
Fred Schmidt and family (Relatives of the Boocks)
Rod Cina (son of Mary Solum)

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June Birthdays



Name	Birthday
Leila Jiskra	01-Jun
Cara Getschel	2-Jun
Carol Knudsen	5-Jun
Zane Heinselmann	6-Jun
Russ Jiskra	6-Jun
Peter Nelson	7-Jun
Naomi Brandt	9-Jun
Kathy Scott	9-Jun
Elizabeth Rodewald	14-Jun
Eric Rodewald	14-Jun
Louie Bernard	15-Jun
Mark Ziebarth	15-Jun
Carol Poff	17-Jun
Milo Oppegard	22-Jun
Denise Burkett	26-Jun
Douglas Rudesill	26-Jun
Jack Stang	27-Jun
Daniel Malaney	29-Jun
Hannah Forward	29-Jun
Edward Paulson	29-Jun



June Baptisms

Shane Bondhus
 Erik Eaton
 Sean James
 Kathryn Scott
 Gary Siebold
 Luke Stang
 Leila Jiskra



	Date	Celebrating Years
Larry & Lynda Meyers	06/05	40
Douglas & Susie Rudesill	06/07	42
Joe and Connie Kurten	06/11	51
Mark & Lisa Ziebarth	06/12	35
Bill & Kay Montgomery	06/17	61
Joseph McIntosh & Faye Perkins	06/18	35

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UPDATE TO HOPE'S COVID GUIDELINES

3.16.22 Update

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. -Psalm 118: 1,23-24

On Tuesday, March 15, the HOPE ministry council met and discussed our next most faithful steps in responding to Covid-19. Early in the pandemic, we committed to following the advice put forth by our local health department professionals, specifically that of the St. Croix County Health Department. So, today we are excited to announce an update to our Covid protocols, in alignment with the St. Croix County Health Department's update effective on March 7, 2022!

You can find the SCCHD most recent information at the following links:

[Current Covid-19 Guidance](#)

[Current Covid-19 County Level to determine current guidance](#)

HOPE will follow the county's active recommendations based on this chart:

Level	Stay up to date on vaccines	Get tested if you have symptoms	Wear a mask
Low (Green)	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended	Optional
Medium (Yellow)	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended	Encouraged. Those at high-risk should talk to healthcare provider.
High (Orange)	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended

We are currently in a LOW (Green) level in our county, so **HOPE is currently making masks optional inside our building.**

As we move forward, we definitely enter a "new normal." We trust God to offer new ministry possibilities as we continue faithfully navigating this unique season! As we make this next faithful step, we encourage you to keep the following in mind:

1. While masks are optional as of TODAY, our masking policy WILL LIKELY CHANGE BASED ON RISK LEVEL. Please be prepared to be flexible as needed.
2. Please be respectful of the individual/family choice to wear or not wear a mask. There is no need for additional commentary about someone's choice. Trust that every person is making the best choice for themselves. Please still be respectful of people's personal space. This is a big adjustment for some people, and a simple, "is it ok if I hug you?" or "Is it ok for me to sit by you?" goes a long way. It is ok to tell someone you are not yet comfortable with close contact.

A few other notes:

1. **Holy Communion:** We began processing forward for the celebration of Holy Communion. Pastor will once again distribute the elements to you, with some offered for you to pick up if you prefer. As always, the pastor can come to you as needed! For those worshiping from home, please remember the Eucharist is intended to be celebrated in Christian community, within the context of worship, and at-home communion is being practiced only until we can all safely return together. Pastor is always available for homebound communion visits.

2. **Offering:** We will resume passing the offering plate for in-person worship as soon as we have ushers to assist. Online giving opportunities remain in perpetuity and you are encouraged to sign up!

Fellowship Time: We have been able to have fellowship for many weeks now, but have not had people willing to serve it. We would LOVE to resume this practice. You can sign up to host this time on our [HOPE Worship Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

1. **Hand Hygiene:** In light of updates for Holy Communion and Offering, please continue to practice good hand hygiene, taking advantage of the hand sanitizers placed around the sanctuary.

Pastor Annie strongly encourages everyone who is eligible to do so, to receive a vaccine.